

Morgan, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana; that there be 60 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations of Miranda Du, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, and Susie Morgan, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, in that order; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S2113**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael Peter Huerta, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

Brett H. McGurk, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq.

Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives.

James C. Miller III, of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the term expiring December 8, 2017. **Page S2114**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—60) **Page S2055**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:01 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2113–14.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary (Comptroller), Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment, Peter R. Lavoy, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, Katherine G. Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy, and Environment, Lieutenant General Michael Ferriter, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Major General Timothy J. Kadavy, Deputy Director of the Army National Guard, and Addison D. Davis IV, Chief Executive Officer, Army Reserve Command, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Strategic Command and United States Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General C. Robert Kehler, USAF, Commander, United States Strategic Command, and General Keith B. Alexander, USA, Commander, United States Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Service, both of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Defense's role in implementation of the National Strategy for Counterterrorism and the National Strategy to Combat Transnational Organized Crime in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Sheehan, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations, Low-Intensity Conflict, Garry Reid, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Combating Terrorism, and William

F. Wechsler, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Counternarcotics and Global Threats, all of the Department of Defense.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Robert P. Lennox, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, G-8, Lieutenant General William N. Phillips, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology and Director, Acquisition Career Management, Lieutenant General John F. Campbell, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, G-3/5/7, and Lieutenant General Keith C. Walker, Deputy Commanding General, Futures, Director, ARCIC, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, all of the Department of Defense.

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine the choice neighborhoods initiative, focusing on a new community development model, after receiving testimony from Sandra Henriquez, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; Maria Maio, Jersey City Housing Authority, Jersey City, New Jersey; Susan J. Popkin, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.; Paul N. Weech, Housing Partnership Network, Boston, Massachusetts; Anthony B. Sanders, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia; and Egbert L. J. Perry, Integral Group LLC, Atlanta, Georgia.

REDUCING POLLUTION AND IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy with the Subcommittee on Oversight concluded a joint oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) work with other Federal entities to reduce pollution and improve environmental performance, after receiving testimony from Leslie Gillespie-Marthaler, Senior Advisor, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency; and Richard G. Kidd, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy, and Environment, Energy and Sustainability, Tom Hicks, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, and Kevin Geiss, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Energy, all of the Department of Defense.

RENEWABLE ENERGY TAX INCENTIVES

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine renewable energy tax incentives, focusing on how the recent and pending expirations of key incentives have affected the renewable energy industry in the United States, after receiving testimony from Ethan Zindler, Bloomberg New Energy Finance, and Benjamin Zycher, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, both of Washington, D.C.; John Purcell, Leeco Steel, Lisle, Illinois; and John P. Ragan, TPI Composites, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 356, expressing support for the people of Tibet, with an amendment;

S. Res. 395, expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the NATO summit to be held in Chicago, Illinois from May 20 through 21, 2012, with an amendment;

S. Res. 397, promoting peace and stability in Sudan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 80, condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights;

S. Res. 391, condemning violence by the Government of Syria against journalists, and expressing the sense of the Senate on freedom of the press in Syria, with an amendment;

S. Res. 344, supporting the democratic aspirations of the Nicaraguan people and calling attention to the deterioration of constitutional order in Nicaragua, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Julissa Reynoso, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Gina K. Abercrombie-Winstanley, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary for Conflict and Stabilization Operations, and to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, William E. Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Pamela A. White, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Resources, John Christopher Stevens, of California, to be Ambassador to Libya, Jacob Walles, of Delaware, to be Ambassador to the

Tunisian Republic, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Mark A. Pekala, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, and Jeffrey D. Levine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, all of the Department of State, and Sara Margalit Aviel, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and lists in the Foreign Service.

PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security concluded a

hearing to examine the economic imperative for promoting international travel to the United States, including S. 2233, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to stimulate international tourism to the United States, after receiving testimony from Senator Mikulski; Rebecca Gambler, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and Thomas J. Donohue, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Roger Dow, U.S. Travel Association, both of Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4263–4272; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 596, 598, 599, were introduced. **Page H1641**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1641–42**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 597, providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 112) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2013 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2014 through 2022, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 112–423). **Page H1641**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Paulsen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1577**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1582**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 380 yeas to 41 nays, Roll No. 132.

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Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 596, requesting return of official papers on H.R. 5. **Page H1593**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our Nation in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families, and of all who serve in the armed forces and their families. **Page H1597**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, March 26th:

Homes for Heroes Act: H.R. 3298, to establish the position of Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 414 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 133. **Pages H1598–99**

Point of Personal Privilege: Representative Maloney rose to a point of personal privilege and was recognized to proceed for one hour. **Page H1599**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012: H.R. 4239, amended, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the